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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Program of National Intelligence Estimates
for Period 1 April 1968 to 30 September 1968

On 28 March 1968 the Intelligence Board approved the quarterly revision of the Program of National Intelligence Estimates attached at Tab A. This estimate program is given in tabular form in Tab B, whereas Tab C presents the Status of the Estimates Program for the First Quarter 1968.

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Executive Secretary

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TAB A
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Program of National Intelligence Estimates

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| A. | <u>Second Quarter 1968</u> | <u>Tentative Date for USIB Consideration</u> |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-1-67, "The Soviet Space Program" | April |
| 2. | Memorandum to Holders of NIE 13-8-67, "Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program" | April |
| 3. | Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14-67, "The Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces" | April |
| 4. | Consequences of Civil Strife in Nigeria (NIE 64.2-68) | April |
| 5. | The Outlook for Internal Security in Ethiopia (SNIE 76.1-68) | April |
| 6. | Final Draft of MC 161 and MC 255 | April |
| 7. | Greece (NIE 29.1-68) | April |
| 8. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px;"></div> | April |
| 9. | Communist Insurgency in Thailand (NIE 52-68) | April |

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| 10. | Short-Term Prospects in Vietnam (SNIE 53-68) | April |
| 11. | The Philippines (NIE 56-68) | May |
| 12. | NIPP-68, Sections III-A (Ground Forces) and III-B (Tactical Missiles) | May |
| 13. | NIPP-68, Section IV, Nuclear Implications | May |
| 14. | Likelihood of Interference with Certain US Reconnaissance Activities (SNIE 11-10-68) | May |
| 15. | Main Trends in Soviet Policy (NIE 11-7-68) | May |
| 16. | Trends and Contingencies Affecting US Positions Overseas (NIE 4-1-68) | May |
| 17. | Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-6-67, "Soviet Strategy and Intentions in the Mediterranean Basin" | May |
| 18. | Panama (SNIE 84-68) | June |
| 19. | Main Issues in Soviet Military Policy (NIE 11-4-68) | June |
| 20. | Communist China's General Purpose Forces and Air Defense (NIE 13-3-68) | June |

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| 21. | NIPP-68, Sections V-VI, Manpower and Expenditures | June |
| 22. | The Changing Scene in Eastern Europe (NIE 12-68) | June |
| 23. | The Clandestine Introduction of Nuclear Weapons into the US (NIE 4-68) | June |

B. Third Quarter 1968

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| 1. | Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces (NIE 11-14-68) | August |
| 2. | Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program (NIE 13-8-68) | September |
| 3. | Soviet Capabilities for Strategic Attack (NIE 11-8-68)-- or a Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-8-67 | September |
| 4. | NIPP-69, Section III | September |

C. Fourth Quarter 1968

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| 1. | Soviet Air and Missile Defenses (NIE 11-3-68) | October |
| 2. | NIPP-69, Section I | October |
| 3. | NIPP-69, Section II | November |
| | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 350px; height: 25px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> (NIE 22-68) | November |

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D. Unscheduled and Contingency Estimates

Congo (Kinshasa)

Prospects in Egypt

Persian Gulf

Cambodia

Italy (New national elections late this spring. Depending on outcome, may be useful to assess stability of new government, role of the Communists, Socialists, and Christian Democrats over next few years, and implications for foreign policy.)

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| SOV | Main Trends in Soviet Policy Memo to Holders of NIE 11-6-67, "Soviet Strategy and Intentions in the Mediterranean Basin" The Changing Scene in Eastern Europe | |
| SMT | Memo to Holders of NIE 11-1-67, "Soviet Space Program" Memo to Holders of NIE 11-14-67, "The Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces" Final Draft of MC 161 and MC 255 NIPP-68, Sections III-A and III-B NIPP-68, Section IV Likelihood of Interference with Certain US Recon- naissance Activities Main Issues in Soviet Military Policy | Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces Soviet Capabilities for Strategic Attack--or a Memo to Holders of NIE 11-8-67 NIPP-69, Section III |

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| FE | Memo to Holders of NIE 13-8-67, "Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program" Communist Insurgency in Thailand Short-Term Prospects in Vietnam The Phillippines Communist China's General Purpose Forces and Air Defense | Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program |
| WE | | |
| NE | Greece <div data-bbox="444 1247 683 1293" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 147px;"></div> | |
| LA | Panama | |
| A | Consequences of Civil Strife in Nigeria The Outlook for Internal Security in Ethiopia | |
| General | Trends and Contingencies Affecting US Positions Overseas | |
| Total | 23 | 4 |

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Status of Program for First Quarter 1968

Estimates Completed

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| | ^{1/} Memorandum to Holders of NIE 14.2-67, "North Korean Intentions and Capabilities with Respect to South Korea" | 29 February |
| SNIE 11-9-68 | Soviet Interests and Activities in Arab States | 18 January |
| NIE 32-68 | Pakistan: Internal Developments and Foreign Outlook | Scheduled for 29 March ^{2/} |
| | | January |
| ^{1/} SNIE 51-68 | Insurgency in Burma | 14 March |
| ^{1/} SNIE 58-68 | Communist Intentions in Laos | 21 March |
| NIE 80/90-68 | The Potential for Revolution in Latin America | 28 March |
| ^{1/} SNIE 80/90-2- 68 | Probable Consequences of a Refusal by the US to Sell F-5 Aircraft in Latin America | 29 January |

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| NIE 93-68 | Brazil | 21 March |
| | First US Position Paper for MC 161 | 9 January |

^{1/} This estimate was not on original First Quarter Estimates Program.
^{2/} For telephonic concurrence.

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| Second US Position Paper for MC 161 | 9 February |
| NIPP-68, Section I, Soviet Strategic Attack Forces | 8 January |
| NIPP-68, Section II, Soviet Strategic Defense Forces | 8 January |
| NIPP-68, Section III-C (Air Force) and III-D (Naval Forces) | Scheduled for 28 March ^{1/} |
| ^{2/} US Position Paper for MC 255/68 | 6 March |

Scheduled Estimates Cancelled

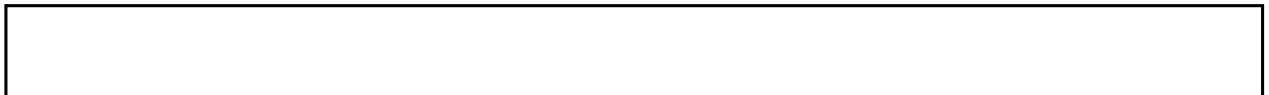


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Scheduled Estimates Uncompleted

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| | Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-6-67, "Soviet Strategy and Intentions in the Mediterranean Basin" | Scheduled for May |
| | Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14-67, "The Soviet and East European General Purpose Forces" | Scheduled for April |
| NIE 13-9-68 | The Short-Term Outlook in Communist China | Scheduled for May |
| NIE 29.1-68 | Greece | Scheduled for April |

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| NIE 52-68 | Communist Insurgency in Thailand | Scheduled for April |
| NIE 64.2-68 | Consequences of Civil Strife in Nigeria | Scheduled for April |
| | NIPP-68, Sections III-A (Ground Forces) and III-B (Tactical Missiles) | Scheduled for May |
| | NIPP-68, Section IV, Nuclear Implications | Scheduled for May |
| | NIPP-68, Sections V-VI, Manpower and Expenditures | Scheduled for June |

Recapitulation

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| Estimates Completed..... | 16 |
| Scheduled..... | 10 |
| Unscheduled..... | 6 |
| Scheduled Estimates Cancelled..... | 1 |
| Uncompleted..... | 10 |

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